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SUMMARY. THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT (JAN 8) COMPOSITION OF THE NEW CABINET. MAJOR CHANGES WERE THE ADDITION OF FOUR SOCIAL AGRARIAN PARTY MEMBERS, SWITCH OF BUNTHENG THONGSAWAT FROM INTERIOR TO JUSTICE MINISTER AND KHUKRIT ASSUMING TEMPORARILY INTERIOR PORTFOLIO. SHUFFLE FOREBODES NO MAJOR CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT POLICY. END SUMMARY.

1. THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THE COMPOSITION OF
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THE NEW CABINET. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL THE MAJOR CHANGES

WERE BUNTHENG THONGSAWAT MOVING FROM INTERIOR TO JUSTICE;
YAI SAWITCHAT LEAVING THE CABINET; KHUKRIT ASSUMING TEMP-
ORARILY THE INTERIOR PORTFOLIO; AND THE INCLUSION OF
FOUR SOCIAL AGRARIAN PARTY MEMBERS OF THE CABINET.

2. THE COMPLETE LIST OF CHANGES IS BELOW. THOSE WHO
SHIFTED MINISTRIES WERE:

BUNTHENG THONGSAWAT (SOCIAL ACTION) FROM INTERIOR TO JUSTICE
MINISTER AND ALSO NAMED A DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER.

PRACHUM RATTANAPHIAN (SOCIAL JUSTICE) FROM MINISTER OF PUBLIC
HEALTH TO MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

NIPHON SASITHON (SOCIAL JUSTICE) FROM MINISTER OF EDUCATION
TO MINISTER, STATE UNIVERSITY BUREAU AND CONCURRENTLY
MINISTER ATTACHED TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

ANAN CHAISENG (PEACEFUL PEOPLE'S PARTY) FROM DEPUTY MINISTER
OF COMMUNICATIONS TO DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

3. THOSE NEWLY APPOINTED WERE:

KHUKRIT PRAMOT, PRIME MINISTER, ASSUMES INTERIOR PORTFOLIO.

THAWIT KLINPRATHUM (SOCIAL JUSTICE) MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
AND COOPERATIVES ASSUMES ADDITIONAL POST OF DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER.

SAWAT KHAMPRAKOP (SOCIAL AGRARIAN) MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

PRATHUANG KHAMPRAKOP (SOCIAL AGRARIAN) DEPUTY MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

PANCHA UESONGTHONG (SOCIAL AGRARIAN) DEPUTY EDUCATION
MINISTER.

SAWENG PHIBUNSARAWUT (SOCIAL AGRARIAN) DEPUTY MINISTER OF
INDUSTRY.

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BUNSONG SOMCHAI (SOCIAL JUSTICE) DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRI-
CULTURE AND COOPERATIVES.

PRATHUAN ROMMAYANON (THAI NATION) DEPUTY MINISTER OF
COMMUNICATIONS.

TQANET IASAKUN (SOCIAL NATIONALIST) DEPUTY COMMERCE MINISTER.

WATTHANA ATSAWAHEM (SOCIAL NATIONALIST) DEPUTY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY.

PRAPHATPHONG WETCHACHIWA (THAI PARTY) DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE.

4. THOSE WHO LOST THEIR POSTS WERE:

YAI SAWITCHAT (SOCIAL ACTION) MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

CHAN ANG SUCHOT (SOCIAL JUSTICE) MINISTER FOR STATE UNIVERSITY BUREAU.

PRASOET BUNSOM (SOCIAL NATIONALIST) DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

BUNKHUM CHANSISURIYAWONG (PEOPLE'S FORCE) MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

ANAN PHAKPRAPHAI (PEACEFUL PEOPLE'S) DEPUTY AGRICULTURE MINISTER.

KAMON SITAKHALIN (SOCIAL ACTION) DEPUTY OF DEFENSE MINISTER.

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